

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY  
COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

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**Project location:** Sacramento  
**Total cost:** \$298,531  
**Funding request:** \$298,531

**MISSION**

*To ensure comprehensive and coordinated management, conservation and enhancement of California's ocean and coastal resources for their intrinsic value and for the benefit of current and future generations.*

**GOALS:** Four goals have been established by the State of California to achieve this mission.

**Goal 1: Stewardship.** To assess, conserve, and manage California's ocean and coastal resources and the ecosystem that supports those resources.

**Goal 2: Economic Sustainability.** To encourage environmentally sound, sustainable, and economically beneficial ocean and coastal resource development activities.

**Goal 3: Research, Education and Technology.** To advance research, educational programs, and technology developments to meet future needs and uses of coastal and ocean resources.

**Goal 4: Jurisdiction and Ownership.** To maximize California's interests in coastal watersheds, State Tidelands, the Territorial Sea, and the Exclusive Economic Zone.

**Background:**

To facilitate a coordinated approach for the national Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), each eligible state designated a state official and agency as a lead contact for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coastal Resource Management. On February 6, 2001 California Governor Gray Davis designated Secretary for Resources Mary D. Nichols as the lead state official and the California Resources Agency as the lead state agency in developing the state's Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (see Appendix A for a copy of this letter).

Governor Davis designated the Secretary for Resources as the lead state official for developing California's Coastal Impact Assistance Plan because she is the cabinet level official in California delegated responsibility for marine and coastal matters. Specifically, 1991 amendments to the California Ocean Resources Management Act transferred responsibility for all non-statutory marine and coastal resource management programs to the Secretary for Resources and created the California Ocean Resources Management Program (Ocean Program) within the Resources Agency.

The Secretary for Resources oversees the activities of 27 departments, boards, commissions and conservancies, collectively referred to as "departments" (see Appendix B for a complete list). CIAP will have broad application to a variety of departments within the State of California government. As such, the Secretary for Resources is well placed to coordinate the participation of these departments, as well as the eligible coastal counties in California.

**Project Summary:**

The Resources Agency as the designated state agency for implementing the CIAP in California, proposes to hire or contract with sufficient staff to administer the program. Tasks would include, but are not limited to, developing contracts and reimbursement and payment procedures, project oversight (state and local), site visits, and writing and submitting periodic reports to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The expected duration of CIAP implementation is in the range of three to five years.

**Consistency with Mission and Goals:**

This proposal is fully consistent with the mission established by the Resources Agency in that it provides for comprehensive and coordinated administrative support for state and local agencies implementing CIAP projects. Further, the Resources Agency will achieve Goal 1 (Stewardship) by providing the necessary support and oversight to ensure that the state and locally sponsored CIAP projects are implemented with minimal delays.

**Budget:**

The requested CIAP funding (\$298,531) would support one full-time staff position at the Resources Agency for a minimum of 3 years.

**Project Schedule:**

Implementation of this project was initiated in February 2001 when the Resources Agency convened meetings with local jurisdictions and state agencies to discuss the CIAP and solicit project proposals. Additional tasks already initiated include meetings with NOAA staff, public outreach to local jurisdictions, and development of the Draft Coastal Impact Assistance Plan. Overall, the expected duration of CIAP projects implementation in California is in the range of three to five years.